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INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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SUBJECT:R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON

REF: JAKARTA 15311

1. HAVE DISCUSSED REQUIREMENTS OF INDONESIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES (L.I.P.I.) AS STATED IN PARA 1.A. THRU I. WITH SCRIPPS. WE CONSIDER THESE REQUIREMENTS UNREASONABLE PARTICULARLY SINCE SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY IS ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN AND MOST REPUTABLE SCIENTIFIC OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD. SCRIPPS IS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS PART OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT. A LARGE PART OF THE FUNDS OF SCRIPPS
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COMES FROM THE USG. WE SEE NO NEED TO QUESTION THE QUALITY

OF THE RESEARCH OR THE SCIENTISTS OR THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE INSTITUTION. REQUEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE GOI TO WAIVE REQUIREMENTS AND GRANT EARLY CLEARANCE ON BASIS INFO PROVIDED HEREIN.

2. FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED RE PARA 4 IN REFTEL: A) RADIO CALL SIGN OF VESSEL IS KGWU. B) THERE WAS A CHANGE OF SOME CREW IN SINGAPORE SO SCRIPPS DOES NOT HAVE UP TO DATE CREW LIST. ALL ARE US CITIZENS, HOWEVER. NEW MASTER IS ALFRED ARSENAULT C) ONLY PORT CALL IN INDONESIA WILL BE SURABAJA. D) LAST

PORT OF CALL BEFORE ENTERING INDONESIAN WATERS WILL BE KO PHUKET, THAILAND (IF CLEARANCE RECEIVED). E) FIRST PORT OF CALL AFTER LEAVING INDONESIAN WATERS WILL BE CEBU, PHILLI PINES (IF CLEARANCE RECEIVED).

3. FYI: SCRIPPS HAS CONTACTED MR. KARTOMO WIROSUHARDJO OF INDONESIAN EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON AND HE HAS AGREED TO CONTACT GOI TO TRY TO EXPEDITE CLEARANCE. SCRIPPS ALSO CONTACTING MASTER OF SHIP SUGGESTING HE CONTACT INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE TO TRY TO EXPEDITE MATTERS.

4. FYI: IN TERMS OF LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP SCIENCE AS FREE AS POSSIBLE FROM RESTRICTIONS WE ARE UNWILLING TO AGREE TO A SET OF REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS THOSE OUTLINED IN REFTEL BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD SET AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT. WE CONSIDER THESE REQUIREMENTS UNDULY RESTRICTIVE IN TERMS OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE OR USG GENERAL POLICIES ON THESE MATTERS. END FYI BROWN

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